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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date 01202006, please consider the following.

Applicants hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

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The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. Figures 1-8, described on page 6, line 18 – page 22, line 22;
- II. Described on page 22, line 23 – page 24, line 19 using the Figure 9 sub-species;
- III. Described on page 22, line 23 – page 24, line 19 using the Figure 10 sub-species;
- IV. Described on page 24, line 20 – page 26, line 9;
- V. Described on page 26, line 10 – page 30 line 1; and
- VI. An in-determinant number of un-illustrated species (modifications of the above species) described on page 30, line 2 – page 32, line 23.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally illustrated in Figures 1-8. Applicant believes that Claims 1, 2 and 4 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1 and 4 are generic. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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